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SUBJECT: GOU RELEASES DATA ON SUBVERSIVES FREED

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1. SUMMARY: THE JOINT FORCES, ON THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 3, PROVIDED THE PUBLIC FOR THE FIRST TIME WITH DATA ON BOTH THE NUMBER OF SUBVERSIVES RELEASED AND THE NAMES OF SOME. THE COMMUNIQUE, QUOTED BELOW, ALSO PROMISED FURTHER INFORMATION. COMING ON THE HEELS OF PRESIDENT MENDEZ' INAUGURAL ADDRESS REMARKS CONCERNING THE PROSPECT FOR AN IMPROVED APPROACH TO HUMAN RIGHTS UNDER DUE PROCESS, THE JOINT FORCES COMMUNIQUE PROVIDES FURTHER HOPE THAT A MORE OPEN POLICY IS FORTHCOMING. END SUMMARY

2. THERE FOLLOWS AN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED SEPTEMBER 3. "THE POPULACE IS INFORMED THAT, DURING THE COURSE OF THE JURIDICAL/PENAL PROCESS, MILITARY JUSTICE HAS ORDERED THE FOLLOWING RELEASES OF (PERSONS) PROCESSED FOR SEDITION OFFENSES. UNCONDITIONALLY FREED, 1020 FREED PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF SENTENCE, 134 HELD UNDER EMERGENCY SECURITY MEASURES AND OPTING TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT, 192 UNCLASSIFIED

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DURING THE PERIOD AUGUST 2-15 OF THIS YEAR, THE FOLLOWING WERE FREED:

LIBER ERNESTO BOSSOLOASCO CALANDRIA, ARRESTED JANUARY 11, 1974

HERMES EULOGIO COLINA REYES, ARRESTED JUNE 12, 1972

MARCOS GARCIA GARCIA, ARRESTED JULY 9, 1972

HECTOR RICARDO MANEIRO BARRERE, ARRESTED SEPTEMBER 4, 1972

EDUARDO COLLAZO RODRIGUEZ, ARRESTED JULY 8, 1972

MIGUEL ANGEL NUNEZ NUNEZ, ARRESTED JULY 8, 1972 TOTAL FREED, 1365

THE CITIZENRY WILL BE PROVIDED FURTHER INFORMATION ON THOSE FREED AS THEY COMPLETE THE PENALTIES IMPOSED BY MILITARY JUSTICE."

3. THE EMBASSY IS SEEKING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE COMMUNIQUE. FOR EXAMPLE, WE DO NOT KNOW THE PERIOD COVERED ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVE IT DATES FROM EITHER APRIL 1972 WHEN THE CONGRESS SUSPENDED GUARANTEES AND DECLARED A STATE OF INTERNAL WAR, OR JULY 1972 WHEN THE CONGRESS APPROVED THE NATIONAL SECURITY LAW AND THE MILITARY COURT SYSTEM ASSUMED ORIGINAL JURISDICTION OVER SUBVERSIVES. AS INFO IS OBTAINED AND REFINED, IT WILL BE REPORTED.

4. PRESIDENT MENDEZ, IN HIS SEPTEMBER 1 INAUGURAL, SAID THAT THE GOU WAS IN A POSITION TO LIMIT TO THE MINIMUM THE USE OF EMERGENCY SECURITY MEASURES (REFTEL), APPARENTLY PRESAGING AN IMPROVED SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO HUMAN RIGHTS IN URUGUAY. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THIS NEW AND UNACCUSTOMED OPENNESS OF THE JOINT FORCES IS ANOTHER MANIFESTATION OF A POSITIVE GOU EFFORT TO SHED LIGHT ON THIS CONTROVERSIAL, HEMISITIZED AND SENSITIVE SUBJECT. SIRACUSA

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